



**Miami Dade County
Internal Services Department**

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) No. 50
RAISED KENNEL SYSTEM**

1. Purpose:

This is a Request for Information (RFI) to gauge the interest of firms, and to request a sample raised kennel that provides canine shelters or raised kennel systems. This RFI **does not** constitute a commitment implied or otherwise, that Miami-Dade County (County) will initiate a procurement action in this matter.

This is not a solicitation. No award will be issued as a result of this Request for Information (RFI). No price offers or unsolicited proposals are sought. In addition, the county will not be responsible for any cost incurred by responders in furnishing any information requested herein or subsequent.

The objective of this RFI is to invite any and all manufacturers, distributors, installers or vendors, to provide to the County a sample of a "Raised Kennel System Product." Such canine housing shall be approximately 4'-0" wide by 7'-0" long, and be divided within, into two separate compartments by a guillotine- style door. The "Raised Kennel System Product" shall be installed for a period of 30 days at the existing Medley facility, or a facility to be further identified. Of principal interest is that the "Raised Kennel System Product" be hermitically sealed around the flooring edges, as to prevent any liquids or solids from penetrating underneath the raised housing, and that raised Kennel components be easy to maintain, and have a life time of ten years or greater, without the need for major replacement of parts or manufacturing deficiencies.

Respondents are hereby notified that all information submitted as part or in support of this RFI will be available for public inspection in compliance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, popularly known as the "Public Record Law." Accordingly, please do not submit any information in response to this RFI that is considered to be a trade secret, proprietary or confidential, or which violates any intellectual rights of a third party.

2. Background:

Miami-Dade County hereinafter referred to as the "County," as represented by the Miami-Dade Animal Services Department (ASD), is requesting information regarding the industry on a raised kennel system. The County is requesting information from qualified business entities with proven products for the purpose of housing animals. The County is interested in exploring the available product options to for the kennel system.

The raised kennel system will be utilized at the ASD shelter located in Medley Florida, and its principal use is for the protect and shelter strayed animals. In conjunction with numerous initiatives and County programs, ASD provides pet adoption services, medical services, and counseling. The present shelter houses 400 canines (including 273 cages/runs) and 40 feline pets for adoption. To comply with the new "no-kill" Miami Dade County policy, the County is seeking to build a new facility. The new shelter will be located in Doral, Florida and is being designed as a multi-purpose facility that will provide a total of 418 adoption cages (which includes approximately 115 raised kennel units,) this represents an increase of 25% in canine adoption cages and an increase in 40% in feline adoption cages. The new shelter will also provide a new public clinic, operating rooms, quarantine facilities, as well as an in-house clinic and operating room to address the new feline "capture, neuter & release" County initiative program. In addition, the new shelter will offer outdoor canine walk areas, as well as additional storage by way of mezzanine space.

3. Requested Information:

The County desires to receive responses as specified in this section. **All expenses involved with the preparation and submission or damage to the samples of responses to the County, or any work performed in connection with the trail/test period or therewith, shall be borne by the respondent.** Depending on the responses received, the County may, among other things, prepare a Request for Proposals or other appropriate procurement mechanism

for the purchase of the raised kennel system. Failure to respond to this inquiry does not preclude any participant from responding to any future solicitation. The County reserves the right not to issue a solicitation in response to this RFI.

The County intends to perform a trial testing period on the raised kennel systems that meet the basic product specifications as defined in section 4. The trial period will be designed to last thirty (30) days to evaluate the durability, maintainability and how the product is installed with the existing finished floor design.

Based on the information provided herein, the county requests that all manufacturers, distributors, installers or vendors which have a "Raised Kennel System" and are interested in having their product considered for the new Doral Animal Services Facility to provide the following information in their submittal:

- Identify the "Raised Kennel System Product" being recommended
- Provide product specifications and drawings (pictures) and all other pertinent information
- Provide at least 3 customer references that is currently using the product
- Be prepared to make a presentation on the advantages of their product to the County representatives upon request
- Completed submittal form

4. Product Guidelines:

The specificity of these "Raised Kennel System Product" units, in addition to being of durable materials, easily maintained, and have as few working components as possible, shall have the following features:

General

- All "Raised Kennel System" units to be approximately 4'-0" wide by 7'-0" long and 75" high or similar

Flooring

- All units are to be a Raised Kennel System, self-standing and raised above the existing floor slab to allow for drainage by gravity flow
- Floor "pan" is to be fully water tight and have as few seams as possible
- Floor "pan" is to slope to the center to allow liquids to gravity flow

Wall Panels

- All walls within the units are to be 80" high or equivalent
- All side walls are to be solid paneled – 48" height or equivalent
- All side solid wall panels are to be moisture resistant, abrasion resistant, stain resistant, odor resistant, FDA approved, be of high impact strength and chemical resistant
- All top ventilation panels to be stainless steel, galvanized, aluminum or other material in a grid-like pattern (top sections)
- All side panels are to be of polypropylene or polyethylene fluted construction with no natural fibers
- All connections of the top ventilation panels to have support frame and be welded at every interception

Door Panels

- A guillotine-style door panel, to be located approximately midway in the unit, and be half height
- A guillotine-style door with counter balance system

Door Hardware

- Hardware to be stainless steel or galvanized
- All front and back walls are to have an operable door for entrance and exit
- Front & back doors are to be full height
- Front and back doors are to allow for inward and outward swing
- Front and back doors shall have a locking / closing mechanism (two-way latch)

- Front and back door latch is to have ability to be lockable with leash-clip or padlock

Drainage

- Each unit is to have a continuous open trench floor drain at the center of the run
- Ability to daisy chain trench drain with adjacent housing units leading to a single floor drain in the slab
- Stainless steel collection floor trench to direct waste from kennel to a central floor drain

Warranty

- All parts to have a minimum of ten years warranty

5. Trial/Testing Phase:

During the trial/testing phase the vendor must be prepared to:

- Ship and deliver to the Animal Services Department (ASD) site at Medley, at no cost to the County, or a site to be determined by the County, one unit representative of their “Raised Kennel System Product.”
- Unpack, assemble, and install in designated area, the “Raised Kennel System Product”- Please note the self-standing drain system within the “Raised Kennel System Product” is to be installed in its entirety, but may or may not be connected to a floor drain in the facility, pending availability of infrastructure.
- Be prepared to have the system remain at the ASD facility for 30 days max.
- Be prepared to remove the installed system from the ASD site at the end of the thirty day trial period

General trial/testing phase information:

- It is the intent of the County to house canines in these “Raised Kennel System Product” for the larger part of the thirty day trial period, and to review each unit’s merits.
- It is the intent of the County to review the effectiveness of the raised kennel systems that are submitted in response to this RFI.

6. Industry Day:

The County intends to host an Industry Day meeting for all manufacturers, distributors, installers or vendors that have an interest in having their product considered for the ASD facility. The date and time of this meeting will be announced at a later date.

7. How to respond:

If you are interested in submitting information for this request please provide the requested information no later than November 11, 2013 @ 4:00 pm to:

Miami Dade County
Internal Services Department
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 1300
Miami, FL 33128

Please indicate the title and due date & time of the project on the outside of the envelope.

8. Questions:

If you have questions regarding this request, please submit the questions in writing to Celeste Walker at cwalke@miamidade.gov or 111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 1300, Miami, FL 33132 or you may contact her by phone at 305-375-5683.



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Submittal Form**

Provide all of the information requested below

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Company status: _____
(i.e. manufacturer, distributor, installer, etc)

Respondent's Contact Name: _____

Respondents Telephone Number: _____

Respondent's Contact Email: _____

Respondent's Webpage: _____

Proposed Product Name: _____

Manufacturer: _____

REFERENCES:

#1

Customer Name: _____

Address: _____

Company Representative: _____

Representative Contact #: _____

Representative Email: _____

#2

Customer Name: _____

Address: _____

Company Representative: _____

Representative Contact #: _____

Representative Email: _____

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#3

Customer Name: _____

Address: _____

Company Representative: _____

Representative Contact #: _____

Representative Email: _____